



Scholarships at CDU

CDU are committed to providing opportunities to students through our scholarship program, which is supported by government, local business, organisations and individuals.

We offer scholarships for different purposes and with different selection criteria. Some are for students who show talent and passion for their area of study. Others are for students who show commitment and vision in their local community. There are scholarships for sports involvement, for work placement and to help students struggling financially. Scholarships are also for students who chose to postpone their studies to make way for other life commitments.

Scholarships range between \$1,000 and \$25,000, and are paid directly into your bank account, so you can use the funds in the way you feel best helps your studies.

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Scholarship categories

CDU offers scholarships in the following categories:

- > Field of study
- > Study load (full-time or part-time study)
- > Study sector (higher education or TAFE)
- > First Nations Australians
- > Residential location
- > Gender

Who can apply?

Anyone who is or will be studying at CDU that meets the eligibility criteria. You can apply for more than one scholarship. You can hold up to two active scholarships at one time. If you are offered more than two scholarships, you will be asked to choose which two scholarships you wish to accept.

When and how to apply

Scholarships have two (2) main application periods aligned with Semester 1 and 2 of the academic year. Visit the Scholarship Finder to identify which ones you may be able to apply for by using the filter. Click the 'Read More' button on each scholarship to confirm that you meet the eligibility prior to submitting your application. When you are ready, select the 'Apply Now' button. Make sure you address each selection criteria in your application to ensure the assessment panel can rank you for each section.

cdu.edu.au/scholarships/scholarships-finder

Tips for your scholarship application

Addressing your selection criteria

Some scholarships can be very popular, attracting up to 150 applicants for one place. When answering the selection criteria, make sure you address each question independently, giving the selection committee the ability to rank your response against other applicants. If you copy and paste your response against multiple answers or leave a section blank it will impact your overall ranking. Applicants should avoid redirecting the committee to a different section of their application when responding to a selection criteria. It is crucial to understand that each question is evaluated independently, and each question necessitates a unique and complete response. Failure to provide a response to a criterion may result in a score of zero for that selection criteria. Additionally, if you choose to submit your responses to the selection criteria in a separate document, please be aware that these responses will not be scored. It is important to directly address each criterion within the provided text boxes to ensure proper evaluation.

Remember, the panel may have a lot of applications to read, so keep your answers as relevant to the criteria as possible. The following information will give you some helpful hints.



What does the panel require?

Look again at the selection criteria on the CDU Scholarships website. Are there any points you're being asked to cover specifically? If it says 'demonstrate passion, ability and initiative' you need to do just that by giving examples on each topic. It's best not to just repeat the answer such as "I am passionate and have the ability to show initiative". Instead give the panels examples of how you show your passion such as "I created study groups", "...volunteer to visit the elderly at the hospital weekly". This also gives you the opportunity to stand out in the crowd of many. If you are asked to 'demonstrate a commitment to the NT and intention to use your qualifications and skills in the Territory,' give examples of how you hope to do this once you achieve your degree. It's important to recognise the donors are looking for someone who will get involved and give back to the community. A great way to demonstrate your ties to the NT would be to mention your participation in any community groups, sporting teams or even social clubs you are part of.

You can support your application by providing documents relating to your community involvement or references confirming your passion, again remember to keep these relevant.

Who is giving the scholarship and what is their background/purpose?

Do some online research. Find out information about the donor of the scholarship. Tying this information into your statement shows you have done your homework. If you can relate this to yourself and your goals, even better.

Tell the panel about yourself but keep it relevant

The panel that assesses each scholarship wants to get to know you. They want to have an idea of who the recipient is, not just their ability to address selection criteria. If you can include personal information and keep it relevant, then do so. For example, a person who grew up with a family involved in motor sports might tie that into why they want to study mechanical engineering. Include personal information in your application as long as it relates to the category of scholarship you are applying for.

Give them something extra

Finally, think about your competition, particularly for a scholarship that is aimed at a specific course. Consider that the other applicants will be reading this guide too. What sets you apart from them? No examples here; you will have to think about this and demonstrate how you can stand out from the crowd!

Scholarships change lives!

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I applied because I needed financial support to be able to buy the equipment I needed to do my study (a laptop), as well as support so that I could work less and focus more on my studies. It also meant that when difficult times came up, as they inevitably did in 2020, I was more resilient and could carry on.

The scholarship not only gave me financial support but also made me feel like someone else saw me as worthy of investing in, and thought that I could add value to their workplace. The work experience component of the scholarship gave me much-needed real-world experience, where I was able to put my theoretical skills into practice and build networks. It was really confidence-boosting.

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Brittany Hayward-Brown,
Environmental Science graduate
and CDU scholarships recipient

IMPORTANT DATES 2024

	Round 1	Round 2
Applications open	20 November 2023	03 June 2024
Applications close	08 March 2024	26 July 2024
Enrolment periods	Semester 1, HE Intensive 1, HE Intensive 2, HE Intensive 3, Term 1 and Term 2	Semester 2, HE Intensive 4, HE Intensive 5, HE Intensive 6, Term 3 and Term 4
Outcome release	End of April	End of September

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